

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



Arctic Surplus Superfund Site, Fairbanks, Alaska

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

July 2006

Arctic Surplus Cleanup Completed — Your Comments Invited

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites your comments on its proposal to delete the Arctic Surplus Superfund site in Fairbanks, Alaska from the National Priorities List. Cleanup at the site has been completed. EPA will consider all public comments before making the final deletion. Comments will be accepted for 30 days, through **August 28, 2006**. If no comments are received, the site will be deleted automatically.

Why is the site being deleted?

The cleanup included:

- removal of 140 cubic yards of PCB contaminated oil, eight drums of low-level radioactive material, 75 gallons of the pesticide Chlordane and 22,200 pounds of asbestos;
- 2,000 truck loads of scrap materials taken to a metal recycler;
- disposal of more than 385 transformers, 195 gas cylinders and 3,000 drums with various wastes;
- capping of the landfill and covering it with asphalt.

Long-term monitoring of the wells will make sure the site remains safe. It is restricted to commercial and industrial use to make sure people do not come in contact with any low-level contamination.

Where can I get more information?

On **July 27, 2006**, EPA published in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to Delete the Arctic Surplus Superfund site from the NPL. The notice and other information about the site are available for review at the locations at right.

**Send comments no later than
August 28, 2006 to:**

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Notice of proposed deletion is available at:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
Superfund Record Center
1200 Sixth Avenue, ECL-076
Seattle, WA 98101-1128
(Please call for appointment)
206-553-4494 or toll free: 800-424-4372

or

Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office
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Building 5001, ¼ Mile Badger Road
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Background

The Arctic Surplus site is a 25-acre former salvage yard about six miles southeast of Fairbanks at the northeast corner of Badger Road and Old Richardson Highway. The private property was used as a salvage yard for everything from military equipment to asbestos insulation and several different kinds of oils. Extensive PCB and lead contamination resulted from having cracked batteries and burned transformers to recover metals. Piles of asbestos and transformers leaking PCBs littered the site. Soil and ground-water were contaminated with industrial solvents and lead. The site was added to the National Priorities List of contaminated sites in 1990.

For more information

If you would like to learn more about the Arctic Surplus Superfund site, or have your name added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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